

Weather Forecast

Rain, with rising temperature tonight, probably turning to snow, and much colder late tomorrow; lowest tonight about 36 degrees. Temperatures today—Highest, 36 at 10:30 a.m.; lowest, 26, at 5 a.m.

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France Rejects Hitler for Role In Italian Row

Mussolini's Suggestion Reported Turned Down Flatly

BACKGROUND—

In 1935 agreement, signed but not ratified by parliaments of France and Italy, provided for progressive removal of Italian citizenship and other rights by 1965 in Tunisia, French North Africa protectorate. It provided also for boundary rectifications which gave Italy parts of French West Africa and French Equatorial Africa. Italian denunciation was followed by French reminder that such action, theoretically at least, would deprive Italy of territory.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The French government was said in informed quarters today to have instructed its Ambassador in Rome to reject any proposals casting Adolf Hitler, in the role of peacemaker between Italy and France.

On Christmas Day at Paris, it was reported, Premier Mussolini had let the Paris government know through an unofficial channel he would suggest that French-Italian differences arising from Fascist agitation for Tunisia and other French territory be submitted to arbitration.

Il Duce would name the German Fuehrer, this report said, as his representative, while the suggestion initiated by the Prime Minister Chamberlain of Great Britain might stand for France.

This reported suggestion, however, met with a flat refusal in Paris, where it was considered an Italian maneuver to make Italy's denunciation last week of the 1935 French-Italian treaty regarding Tunisia an entering wedge for further expansion at France's expense.

Row on Different Plane.

Such an arbitration agreement, the French pointed out, would put the French-Italian quarrel on an entirely different plane from the one on which the French maintain it now stands.

French quarters pointed out that Premier Mussolini, following the signing of the 1935 Laval-Mussolini agreement, said all differences between the two nations had been settled. Paris officials said that since Italy declared that agreement invalid Italy alone was to blame for the Rome-Paris diplomatic differences.

Andre Francois-Poncet, French Ambassador to Rome, was instructed to meet any Italian suggestions of such arbitration with a refusal as flat as diplomatic language can make it, sources close to Premier Daudet said.

The envoy was said to have been told to present France's reply to the Italian denunciation of the 1935 convention, these sources said, some time before Daladier leaves about January 1 on a tour of inspection in Corsica, Tunisia, and Algeria.

Labonne Reaches Paris.

The French resident general in Tunisia, Erik Labonne, arrived in Paris today to report to Daladier on the Tunisian situation and plan the campaign for Tunisia, Corsica, Nice and Savoy on November 30.

Statements made by the authoritative Fascist editor, Virginia Gay-Valade, Daladier's proposed voyage to Corsica would be a provocation and believe would be ridiculed in the Paris press.

The newspaper L'Ordre commented, "If it is a provocation to protect what we have, then we are in truth provoking Italy."

A boulevard music hall skit given last night, represented a helmeted Mussolini pounding his chest and crying, "Tunisia! Corsica!" But "Daladier," dressed in baggy French middle-class civilian clothes, said that he had decided to visit "these places we own that Italians like so much."

Mussolini was represented in the skit as shouting, "You are encroaching, threatening and combative!"

Alien Smuggling to U. S. Is Probed by France

By the Associated Press.

LE HAVRE, France, Dec. 26.—French police, co-operating with United States consular officials, pushed an investigation today into a ring for smuggling aliens into the United States. Two arrests have been made already.

The ring was disclosed when nine would-be stowaways emerged from hiding places aboard the French liner Normandie here December 8, when the vessel was laid up by a strike among crew members.

Police at that time discovered the stowaways had been supplied with food by members of the crew, working with an alien smuggling ring. Alphonse Lizard and Robert Dago, both of the Normandie crew, were arrested yesterday while police promised further arrests.

Italy Feels Quake

ROME, Dec. 26 (AP).—Slight earth shocks were felt today near Rome, in Grottaferrata and Rocca di Papa. No damage was reported.

National Radio Forum

Senator Edward R. Burke of Nebraska, will speak on the National Labor Relations Board Act and the amendments which he considers necessary tonight at 10:30 o'clock.

Station WMAL

Girl Hurt in Auto Mishap Lives To Find Santa Doubly Good



Nancy Jean Kurrie, shown with her Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

A light was burning extra bright in the Kurrie home for Christmas morning.

It outshone all the red and green and blue lights on the Christmas tree, was more brilliant than the tiniest spark of life in her body. That would surely go out too, doctors thought.

The brightest light shone in the face of Nancy Jean Kurrie.

You remember Nancy Jean. She's the little Bethesda (Md.) girl who couldn't live because an automobile crash in July put out all but the tiniest spark of life in her body.

But it didn't. Nancy Jean returned home in October.

She lived. And Saturday night Santa Claus visited her home for the fifth time. He must have known of her trying experience this year, for he brought her almost everything she could want.

Her face, now rosy and full, beamed when she saw the big doll she was furnished with lights and all. She laughed with delight at a funny-looking doll with a red nose. A big automobile, streamlined with silvery wheels, made her blue eyes open wide.

Nancy Jean is quite a tomboy, so she was particularly pleased with a small work bench with the little hammer, saw and building materials. Other gifts filled the Kurrie living room.

Parents Share Happiness.

"Oh, boy, I betcha it would take me all day to count them!" the little girl exclaimed as she went from one present to another.

Her happiness was gloriously shared by Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian M. Kurrie, her parents, who once thought their only child would never experience another Christmas.

Nancy Jean has been running and playing with the other youngsters in the neighborhood for nearly six weeks now. She is strong again. Her broken body healed quickly after mending.

Simple Operation Later.

She must twist one of her legs a little when she walks and runs, but doctors advise against correcting this until several years have passed. As she grows the leg should straighten itself to some extent, they say, and when Nancy Jean is about 12, a more simple operation can be performed to complete the healing.

But nothing worries Nancy Jean. She laughs and plays throughout the day. She never complains. She is happy.

And Christmas Day was a doubly happy one for her—and the older Kurries.

Yesterday morning, the same as almost every morning since Nancy Jean came home from the hospital, Mrs. Kurrie said to her husband: "It seems almost like a fairy story."

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Cold Wave Due In Capital Tomorrow

20-Degree Minimum Forecast; Snow Probable

Frigid blasts from the Northwest, vanguard of a severe cold spell, will strike Washington late tomorrow evening or early Wednesday morning, Weather Bureau forecasters said today.

A marked change in temperature will accompany the "cold front," dropping to an expected minimum of 20 degrees early Wednesday, W. P. Day, assistant forecaster, said the cold wave was moving slowly across the plains States today and would dissipate most of its force before reaching the Capital.

The bureau also warned of a storm moving up the coast which would cause strong winds tonight along the middle Atlantic coast. The warning was issued at 11 a.m. and covered the region from Cape Hatteras to Sandy Hook, N. J.

Today's forecast for the District of Columbia predicted rain this afternoon with rising temperature tonight, probably followed by snow and much colder late tomorrow. A minimum temperature of 36 is expected tonight with fresh winds, mostly southeast, blowing throughout the day and shifting to strong northwesterly late Tuesday.

Moderate rains were expected to accompany a slow rise in temperature, which will continue until tomorrow afternoon.

An icy blast moving out of Canada was expected to strike through Nebraska and the Dakotas to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Western and Northern Missouri, and Northwestern Illinois today. Next in the path of the wave, threatening temperatures from near zero to 25 degrees, were Michigan, Indiana, Eastern and Southern Illinois and Southeastern Missouri. Snow for 48 hours was expected to precede the freezing weather.

East to Get Snow or Rain.

The cold was expected to spread from the lower lake region and Ohio Valley tonight and into the Middle and North Atlantic States Tuesday. Predictions of snow or rain, in advance of dropping temperatures, were made for the Eastern States.

During the 24 hours ending last night, snow had fallen over the extreme Northern plains and there were general rains in the West Gulf States. In the Northern Rocky Mountain region temperatures dropped.

Little snow was reported yesterday from the major cities. Temperatures, however, fell as low as zero in Duluth, which had a high of only 20, and rose to 80 in Miami, where the low was 66. The low in Minneapolis-St. Paul was 4; the high, 26.

Most Widespread of Season.

J. R. Lloyd, Government forecaster at Chicago, said the lower Missouri and Ohio Valleys, the upper Great Lakes region and the middle Mississippi Valley were next in the path of the frigid weather and probably would be engulfed in it by tomorrow morning.

The icy blast, moving out of the Mackenzie Basin, is the most widespread of the season, Mr. Lloyd said.

Shippers in the Northwest were warned to protect shipments for the next 36 hours from temperatures ranging to 20 degrees below zero.

Woman Dies; Husband, Niece Badly Slashed

By the Associated Press.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A 53-year-old husband and wife died today after a slaying by their son, Theodore, who was charged with the murder.

Theodore, 23, was charged with the slaying of his father, John, and his wife, Stella, 33, who were slain by a razor as they returned from a Christmas mass.

Chief of Police Theodore Maschewicz almost decapitated his estranged wife, Stella, 33; seriously slashed her niece, Mrs. Florence Brown, 22, and then cut his own throat.

Both Mrs. Brown and Maschewicz were in a serious condition today from their wounds.

Dies of Suffocation

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—John F. Barrett, 78-year-old retired fire department captain, died of suffocation last night at his home here. He was overcome by smoke after sparks from his pipe set fire to the mattress of his bed.

Zona Gale, Ill With Pneumonia, Sinks Rapidly



ZONA GALE BREESE.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A hospital attendant said today that Novelist Zona Gale Brees, ill with pneumonia, was "sinking rapidly."

The 64-year-old author has been treated in an oxygen room since last Wednesday and received a blood transfusion Saturday.



Co-operation Keynote Of Yule Messages Of Nation's Leaders

President Stresses Peace and Good Will In Broadcast

By the Associated Press.

Appeals from Government, industrial and labor leaders for co-operation among all groups of Americans were highlighted today by this message from President Roosevelt:

"The glory of the first Christmas message—as announced to the shepherds of Bethlehem—is that the glad tidings are for all people. 'No one was overlooked or forgotten when the multitude sang glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men.'"

"The joy and happiness of Christmas time extends to all nations and to all people. The spirit of Christmas is the hope of mankind."

Mr. Roosevelt's message was read last night by Harry L. Hopkins, newly-appointed Secretary of Commerce, on a Nation-wide radio forum arranged by the United States News.

Mr. Hopkins had been a Christmas guest at the White House. Speaking for himself, the Secretary deplored strife and intolerance in all parts of the world.

"At the very time we celebrate his birthday," he said, "bombs are dropping on children on their way to church and school. We read of armies that burn and sack ancient cities."

"Oh, God, give us the strength and courage and wisdom to make of America a happy home for us all. Banish hate and fear from our hearts and help us to dwell forever in peace."

Associate Justice Stanley Reed of the Supreme Court, criticizing persons or groups that seek special interests without regard to general needs, declared that "co-operation of its citizens is the glory of the Nation."

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, C. I. O. vice president, represented labor on the program. Mr. Green said labor had no fundamental quarrel with industry, and Mr. Murray asked both groups to dedicate themselves to peaceful relations to promote the national economy.

Charles R. Hook, former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, named mutual respect and confidence as requisites to peaceful relationships between social groups. Senator-elect Taft, Republican, of Ohio said that peace on earth depends on meeting opposition "in a spirit of tolerance, sympathy and good humor."

Others on the program included Edward A. O'Neal, president American Farm Bureau Federation; Dr. Harold Dodd, president of Princeton University, and Speaker Bankhead.

Recalling the Golden Rule, Speaker Bankhead said: "With the utmost reverence, I venture to suggest that today no greater political or economic, or sociological platform could be contrived than this: 'Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them.'"

Mr. O'Neal said: "Our people still have confidence in the spirit of democracy which has been handed down to them, and confidence in themselves to her for a better day. With such a heritage and such a faith, we will not fail."

Mr. Dodd said: "Only by discovering the source and power of that peace that is Christmas can the civilization we know escape destruction at the hands of a new Dark Age."

Yule Greeting Saves 14 From Asphyxiation

By the Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Dec. 26.—Timely arrival of a telegraphed Christmas greeting saved 14 persons from asphyxiation at a family reunion here.

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Just then Mrs. Virginia Atwood, Eldorado, Ark., fainting. Others became ill. Soon two other women guests fainted.

Gaston, smelling gas, rushed his relatives into the yard. Then, with wet towels over their faces, he and Forest V. Atwood discovered an open gas burner in the basement.

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Glass to Push Control Over Bank Holding Companies

Bill Would Forbid New Firms, Keep Old Ones From Expanding

By the Associated Press.

Senator Glass, Democrat, of Virginia said today he would demand action in the next session of Congress on his proposal to impose rigid control over bank holding companies.

He has voiced caustic criticism of many New Deal policies, introduced a bill last spring to regulate these companies after President Roosevelt had condemned "concentrated economic power" in a message to Congress.

Among other things, Senator Glass' bill would forbid the formation of additional bank holding companies, prohibit existing holding companies from acquiring control of additional banks, and prevent banks controlled by holding companies from establishing additional branches. In effect, it would "freeze" the bank holding company structure at its present size.

There now are 50 holding companies controlling 500 banks with assets of \$8,000,000,000.

In another field of banking, Senator Logan, Democrat, of Kentucky, said he would ask Congress to give the Federal Reserve Board authority to manipulate currency and credit controls so as to maintain a constant price level. Senator Logan said the board had been "much interested" in his proposal but thus far had not taken a stand for or against it.

Senators and Representatives already are arriving for the opening of Congress, January 3. President Roosevelt will deliver his annual message at a joint session January 4 and on the following day is expected to open the session.

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Santa and Stork Cross Visits And 27 Children Are Born Here

(Picture on Page A-2.)

Santa Claus and the stork met face to face 27 times Christmas day in Washington hospitals.

To 27 mothers came the best Christmas present of all, a baby boy or a baby girl. There were 16 girls and 11 boys.

Sibley Hospital headed the list of those reporting Christmas deliveries with six. Mrs. Quincy Cusie of Orville, Md., gave birth to a son; Mrs. Marie Dayhoff of 3407 Eastern avenue N.E., a daughter; Mrs. Granville Simmons of 1733 Trinidad avenue N.E., a daughter; Mrs. Fulton Thomas of 117 Cockeville avenue Takoma Park, Md., a daughter; Mrs. Walter Edmondson of 905 Duke street, Alexandria, Va., a daughter, and Mrs. William Marshall of 1218 P street S.E., a daughter.

Columbia Hospital was next with five Christmas babies. Mrs. Evelyn Poole of 425 Minnesota avenue S.E., brought a daughter into the world; Mrs. Mary Kamagay of 9628 Sutherland road, Silver Spring, Md., a son; Mrs. Margaret Spicer of 501 East Clifton terrace N.W., a daughter; Mrs. Mary Via of Relay, Md., a son, and Mrs. E. A. Murray, colored, of 2320 Champlain street N.E., a daughter.

At Georgetown a son was born to Mrs. Kay Blount of 5410 Lee highway, Arlington, Va.; a daughter to Mrs. Mary Saunders of 1922 Vich street, Arlington, Va.; a son to Mrs. Cecilia Swann of 4511 Marble Hall road, Baltimore, and a son to Mrs. Margaretie Tugman of 1811 Stafford street, Arlington, Va.

At George Washington Hospital, Virginia, a daughter to Mrs. Viola Pomeroy of 728 Fourth street N.E., and a daughter to Mrs. Mildred Kent of 636 Marton place N.E. At Garfield a son and a daughter, respectively, were born to Mrs. Loris Arndorff and Mrs. Lucille Frederick, colored.

At Gallinger a son came to Mrs. Grace Jones, colored, of 729 Ball court S.W., and daughters to Mrs. Eva Potts, colored, of 1234 Six and One-Half street N.W.; Mrs. Clara Williams, colored, of 812 First street N.W., and Mrs. Gertrude Short, colored, of 765 Norton street N.W.

At Freedmen's Mrs. Alma Wiggins, colored, of 2333 Sherman avenue N.W., gave birth to a daughter; Mrs. Dorothy Carter, colored, of 508 Ridge avenue, Takoma Park, Md., a son; Mrs. Grace Kelly, colored, of 649 Girard street N.W., a son, and Mrs. Ruth Nickerson, colored, of Bowie, Md., a daughter.

Quiet Rules as Extra Holiday Suspends Business in City

President Leads Yule Observance; Trade Peak Is Reported

The Christmas spirit with its theme of peace and good will lingered on in Washington today.

Government offices, banks and business houses remained closed for an extra holiday because Christmas fell on Sunday. The day closed the quiet tenor of yesterday's observance. It was marked for the most part by family gatherings, special religious services and a return of winter weather.

After a clear, bright Christmas the Weather Bureau's forecast was for "rain turning to snow" and a sharp drop tonight in temperature.

President Roosevelt led the Capital yesterday in observing its best Christmas in years—a Christmas made happy here by a record amount of pre-Christmas business and a systematic care for all those in need.

Traditional White House Observance.

It was a traditional Roosevelt Christmas at the White House. Four generations of Roosevelts were present—Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, New York, the President's mother, the President and his wife, their sons James and Franklin, Jr., and their sons' wives and children. Youngest of the family group was 5-month-old Franklin D. Roosevelt, 3d.

The President, accompanied by members of his family and Mr. Hopkins, attended services at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where he heard Dr. Howard S. Wilkinson say peace on earth can exist only in the hearts of men.

The reactor, touching on delicate international affairs, said "to sidetrack war is not necessarily peace" and "to tolerate injustice is not peace." Peace on earth, he emphasized, will come only from men of good will—such good will that begins with individuals and spreads to nations.

After the services the President returned to the White House and quietly spent the afternoon with members of his family. The

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Accidental Death Toll In Manhattan Drops

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Greater New York Safety Council today estimated New York City's accidental death toll for 1938 at approximately 3,750, as against 4,150 in 1937, a decline of about 10 per cent.

Fewer deaths were recorded for all major types of accidents. Accidents in the home caused about 5 per cent fewer deaths in 1938; motor vehicles 6 per cent fewer; public accidents, exclusive of motor vehicle deaths, 12 per cent fewer, and occupational accidents 15 per cent fewer.

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